LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 01-27

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING STRONG AND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE WILLIAMSPORT-PILE BAY ROAD PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road project has been very high on the Borough CIP and Transportation Priorities List for the past 10 years, and

WHEREAS, this regional project will improve and upgrade the existing road which connects Cook Inlet with the Lake Iliamna and Bristol Bay region, and

WHEREAS, the social and economic benefits associated with this project are well documented and they include economic development and job creation, reduced shipping and transportation costs, and enhanced efficiency in the delivery of government services, and

WHEREAS, the anticipated regional social and economic benefits associated with the project have been recognized and highlighted in the Draft Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Administration and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities have asked the Borough to reaffirm its support for this project and to expressly state its commitment to provide for routine maintenance once the project is constructed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Assembly hereby expresses its strong and continuing support for the Williamsport-Pile Bay Road Project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly finds that the recent downturn in the commercial fishing industry and the series of declared economic disasters in the Borough make the justifications for this project stronger than ever, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly has reached a preliminary and conceptual agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to jointly assume responsibility for routine maintenance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly hereby declares that it will assume responsibility for routine maintenance on this road after construction is complete, working in partnership with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and in accordance with a Maintenance Agreement approved by DOT/PF and both Boroughs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly this 16th day of October, 2002.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:

Glen Alsworth Sr., Mayor

Sheila Bergey, Borough Clerk